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**RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action of May 22, 2002 please enter the following Amendments and Remarks to the above-captioned application.

**In the specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 21, page 5 and ending on line 6, page 6 with the following:

Focusing first on the deck panels or modules 10, and with reference to Figs. 3-6, the manufacture of the prefabricated deck panels 10 may include a variety of known materials and processing techniques. For instance, the deck panel 10 may be a unitary cast concrete-based module 10 (not shown) having a grid of reinforcing elements retained within the concrete. The reinforcing elements may be metal webbing or possibly polymer strips. Alternatively, and as illustrated in FIGS. 3 and 4, the module 10 may include an upper layer 17 disposed upon a plywood-type material support structure 18. Upper layer 17 of the module panels 10 may be decorated with known concrete finishing techniques to imitate a variety of natural stone products (for instance, BOMANITE® finishes, etc.). Alternatively, the upper layer 17 may be decorated with brick patterns (random, interlocking, ashlar, etc.). A variety of decorative finishes for a concrete-based deck panel 10 are thus envisioned from plain unfinished concrete to imitation stone or brick.